ALL DRAPED IN BLACK

The Southern Cities in Mourning for Their Former Chieftain.

GOVERNORS AND LEGISLATURES

Issue Proclamations and Adopt Resolutions

of Respect.

THE REMAINS NOW LYING IN STATE. A Washington Woman Creates a Sensation by Ber

Display of Grief.

The manifestations of sorrow because of the death of Jefferson Davis continue throughout the South. The remains are lving in State at New Orleans, and many visitors have viewed them.

RICHMOND, VA., December 7 .- The following was presented in the Legislature to-

The special joint committee appointed to prepare suitable and appropriate resolutions upon the death of the Hon Jefferson Davis, ste President of the Confederate States of America, would respectfully submit the following:

Resolved, The House of Delegates concurring, that the people of this Commonwealth, having beard with profound sorrow of the death of Hon. Jefferson Davis, ex-President of the Confederate States of America, we recog-nize in the death of Mr. Davis the loss of a distinguished soldier, statesman and patriot. In every position of life, whether on the field of battle—in the Councils of the nation, or as chief of the Southern Confederacy, Mr. Davis was distinguished for his fidelity to principle, lofty patriotism and leyalty to the trusts imposed upon him. The people of the Southern States, of whom he was chosen Chief Magistrate, are honored in his past record and stabiless life. His name is inseparably entwined with the history of our country, and historians of the future, when passion and strite have cleared away, will assign to this here of the lost cause a place among the wise and good men of all the ages.

SINCERE SYMPATHY.

solved. That we sympathize with his fammy in their bereavement, and that these resolu-tions be spread upon the journals of each

The Chamber of Commerce, at a largely attended meeting, adopted a lengthy pream-ble and resolutions highly enlogistic of the life and character of Mr. Davis, from which the following is an extract:

This event calls for unusual notice from the This event calls for unusual notice from the chief commercial organization of the city where he spent the four most eventful and illustrious years of his life. Singled out at the close of the war as the victim of malignant hate and persecution, he bore himself with such high courage and lofty consciousness of right as to win in even in greater degree the esteem and affection of the people whom he had in other years so faithfully served. The vicarious sufferings for the deeds of the Southern people doubly endear him to our hearts as representatives of that section of country. That as a mark of respect him to our hearts as representatives of that section of country. That as a mark of respect to the memory this chamber requests that the public and private buildings of the city be draped in mourning and that our merchants close their places of business upon the day ap-

The Stuart H. Guarda, of this city, will send a delegation to the funeral of Mr. Davis. General Thomas L. Rosser has opened a subcription with \$1,000 for a monument to Mr. Davis' memory.

A GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION. At Montgomery, Ala., Governer Seay to-day

issued the following proclamation:
WHEREAS, The Hon. Jefferson Davis, by his of battle; by his bold, staunch and unselfish devotion to his ideal of public duty, and by his stainless private character, has made his fame the common heritage of the people of every Southern State; and whereas, his recent death in New Orleans has carried a sense of profound bereavement to his fellow-dithens throughout the South, who ence gladly acknowledged him their chosen leader, now, therefore, I, Thomas Seay, Governor of Alabams, in conformity to the desire of the people of this State, do bereby make proclamation and name Wednesday, De-cember 11, as a proper time for them to meet together and show their reverence for the il-lustrious dead.

Thomas Seay, bereavement to his fellow-citizens throug

A dispatch from Mobile says: A meeting of the Confederate survivors association was held last night to make arrangements for memorial services on the day of the funeral city, sent a telegram to Mrs. Jefferson Davis, saying: "It is the wish of our people that his grave may be made beneath the monument to the Confederate dead on the Capital Hill at Montgomery, hard by the very cradle of the Confederacy."

A LITTLE TROUBLE.

A special telegram from Raleigh, N. C. anys: "Something of a sensation was created round about because of the conduct on the part of the negro students of Shaw University colored school here, at which there is a large number of students, male and It is stated by several parties who heard it that while a memorial meeting was being held at City Hall last night in honor of the decease of Jefferson Davis, a number of these colored students congregated on the campus of the institution and engaged in singing boisterous songs derisive of the name of Mr. Davis.

Among others they sun "Hang Jeff Davis the Sour Apple Tree," singing was so oud as to attract the attention of num white people living in the vicinity. University is an institution which was founded here several years ago by a man named Shaw, from Massachusetts, who endowed it for the education of negroes. There are about 200 students in the versity. The affair has created much talk and indignation here.

A WASHINGTON WOMAN

Creates Comment by Draping Her House in Respect to the Dead Man-No Attempt at Interference la Being Made.

WASHINGTON, December 7.-There is a woman in this city who worships the memory of the late Jefferson Davis, and who has the courage of her convictions. At 285 Second street is a modest little house painted dark red with green shutters. To-day these shutters were closed, and from the bell knob hung a fold of crape that attracted the attention of persons passing by. Beyond this general air of gloom there was nothing rerkable in the appearance of the bouse or the first story, but when the point of vision included the upper story there was some-thing rather unusual in exterior house dec-

Draped from the three windows on that floar is a wide strip of black stuff, evidence of mourning of a high order. In the center of each of the window sills, just where the black is fastened, is a rosette. If the rosettes were also black they would have black. Two of them—one at each end—are red, while the one in the middle is white. The house and the manner of their arrangement combine to form the colors of the dead afederacy, and their display at this time made it evident that some one was sorry because Jefferson Davis was no more.

A reporter called at the house this after-

A reporter cancer at the nouse this after-neon and was greeted by a quiet-appearing lindy of about 50 years of age. She was the decorator and was proud of the fact. She wore a close-fitting brown dress that was wore a close-niting brown dress that was Quasker-like in its simplicity. "My name," she said, "is Mrs. Frederick Fairfax, and I am a Washingtonian born. I am a Southern woman, and I put the nourning on the house because of President

'And an admirer of Mr. Davis?" "Well, I should say I am. I love him: I love his every word and act."
"You don't seem to be afraid?"
"Afraid," she replied, "why. I never was atraid of anybody or anything in my life."

Mrs. Fairfax is the daughter of the late Lieutenaut Cook, of the United States Army, who died some years ago. A number of colored people gathered on the sidewalk opposits the house this morn-

ing, and loudly criticised the action of the inmates, but they went no further, and at a late hour this afternoon the dismal drapery and the red, white and rod rosettes were still in place, fluttering in the cool breezes.

REMAINS LYING IN STATE,

Many Visitors Visit the Room Where the Dend Man Resta. NEW ORLEANS, December 7 .- The remains of Jefferson Davis are lying in state in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

The coffin rests upon a catafalque and is devoid of much ornamentation. The casket has a silver plate, upon which is the simple inscription: "Jefferson Davis at rest," with the date of death added. with the date of death added. Badges of the Confederate associations, the flag of the Washington artillery carried through the war, and a bunch of wheat are the only other ornsments. The desks of the Mayor and clerkshave been covered over and turned into a platform, which is the receptacle for floral offerings. The room is darkened and lit up by clusters of electric lights, their brilliancy being dimmed by the sable drapery. Sol-diers in uniform stand guard, stacks of arms and cannon fill the corners of the chamber, and all around the walls are rows of plants

and shrubbery forming a beautiful contrast. Since early morning people have been pouring in to obtain a last look at the dead. No crowding is allowed and the visitors are filed through the room in a regular column. All classes are represented in the procession by the bier. The number of colored people is marked. The mourning is general, and every place of prominence in the city has put on black. The noteworthy event this morning was a telegram sent by Mayor Shakespeare to Secretary of War Proctor, officially notifying him of the death of ex-Secretary Davis and the date of the funeral.

WAS HE WEARY OF LIFE?

Jos. R. McDonnid, 18 Venue of Acr. She Himself in the Stomach-Death Was Instantaneous-A Pecaliar Case.

Joseph B. McDonald, a boy of 18 years, committed suicide last night at his home, 146 Locust street, Allegheny.

McDonald lived with his widowed mother. He was employed by a firm on | ing toward Twenty-ninth street on one side Troy Hill, as a driver and went to work vesterday morning as usual. About 9 o'clock he returned home and shortly after left with a companion named Smith. They were around all day together and drank a little, but nothing of consequence and neither was under the influence of liquor. In the course of the alternoon McDonald went to a store on Beaver avenue, Allegheny, and bought Smith asked why he spent his money in this foolish way, and McDonald made a

jesting rejoinder.

About 9:30 o'clock last night the boy returned home. He seemed to be in good spirits and did not complain. He was about the house for a time and finally went out and sat down on the front steps. About 10:30 the sound of a pistol shot was heard by other members of the family, and going to the door they found the boy lying across the step with the revolver at his side. He was bleeding from a wound in the stomach and

was unconscious, He was picked up and carried into the louse, but died in five minutes from the

time of the shooting.

The wound was through the stomach.

The boy had never done anything that would indicate that he contemplated suicide; his family are in good circumstances and he had no troubles. The shooting was probably an accident, as the location of the ound shows how easily it could have been inflicted if the cartridge had exploded while he was examining the weapon. The body was taken to Lowry's undertaking rooms, where Coroner McDowell will hold an inquest to-day.

SHE CAUGHT THEM REAVILY.

A Colored Servant Girl Elopes With Persenal Property.

About two weeks ago Inspector McAleese, of the First police district, received a notice from John A. Weimer, superintendent of the Weimer Machine Company of Lebanon, and the Chief of Police of the same place, to look out for a colored girl named Winnie Robinson, who had been employed in Mr. Weimer's family as a domestic, and who had decamped simultaneously with three trunks full of goods, valued at about

Yesterday afternoon Detectives Sol Coulson and P. Fitzgerald located the woman on Arthur street, and captured her and one of the trunks, which is now in the Central station. Coulson says the contents of the trunk simply amazed him. It was very heavy and loaded with ladies' silk under-wear, silk dresses and valuable clothing of all kinds, including some jewelry, the whole estimated at being worth \$1,000. He supposed from the conduct of the woman that she had a valuable stone concealed, and from her actions judged she had swallowed it. The other two trunks have been located, and will be taken to-day. An officer from Lebanon is expected to-day to identify both the woman and the property.

SOME ONE SPARED THE ROD.

A Precocious Youth Who Has a Faculty for Stealing.

Patrick Dougherty, aged 13, partakes of the bad luck inherent in the number of years he has lived, and has frequently put in his appearance at the Central station, defying the statutes of Pennsylvania as Ajax defied the lightning. But the laws, like the lightning, knocked him out. like the lightning, knocked him out.

A woman who runs a museum stand on Fifth avenue, actuated by compassion and a desire to obtain some grateful help, a few weeks ago gave the boy a suit of clothes and a job, but found herself robbed by him on his first chance. Here friendship ceased as Porter Friend brought the boy in, the employer declines to waste any sympathy. employer declines to waste any sympathy, and Inspector McAleese sorrowfully re-marks that sparing the rod has spoiled that

St. Agnes Church Dedication.

St. Agnes Catholic Church, on Fifth avenue, in the Fourteenth ward, will be dedicated on Sunday December 15. Bishop
Phelan will officiate, assisted by priesta.
Music will be given by Misses Grace Miller and Caroline Schmertz, Messra. Brocket
and Sohner, a choir of 30 voices and Ger-

Strock by a Train.

It was reported in the city last night that s man named McClatchy, who is a foreman at Lang & Co.'s steel works at Chartiers, had been struck by a railroad train, and had both legs cut off, besides receiving other serious injury. His home is near that place, where he was taken.

No Christmas Money for Them.

Yesterday an accident happened in Woods' Mill, McKeesport, which will throw 30 or 40 men out of employment for several weeks. A shaft, in the Russian iron department was broken, which cannot be re-placed here and which will take some time

LOCAL ITEMS, LIMITED.

Incidents of a Day in Two Cities Condensed for Ready Reading. ROLAND McDonald, of Elk county, was brought to Mercy Hospital last night, with a fractured jaw received in a lumber yard at Pennfield, Clearfield county. Mrs. GOTTLIEB HILLENGASS, of Beatty street, Allegheny, was so severely burned last night by a lamp explosion at her home that she

WILLIE ATTERSON, of East street, may die wagon on North avenue yesterday.

GEORGE ROSE, an Italian, caused the arrest of Antonio Losse, on the charge of keeping a disorderly house on Grant street. At the Grant school yesterday afternoon five members were elected to the Teachers' Guild. BRIDGES TO BE ERECTED

The P. V. & C. Will Build Two on the Southside-Chief Bigelow Interceded With Superintendent Watt.

After a long and vigorous kick with miles of petitions from the citizens, the Southside seems to be in a vory fair way to get some protection at the railroad crossings on that side of the river. The citizens of the Twenty-fourth and Twenty-seventh wards met last night and heard the report of the committee appointed to call upon the city authorities to see what could be done, and the reports were most favorable. William Walls presided and about 100 citizens were present including Councilmen John Holmes, D. P. Evans, Mark Donley and P. M. Carr. Daniel A. Morgan, Chairman of the com-

mittee, stated that the committee had called upon Chief Bigelow, of the Department of Public Works, and that the latter had manifested so much interest in the matter that he did not consider it necessary to call upon the railroad officials. He then read the following letter from Chief Bigelow:

MUNICIPAL HALL, PITTSBURG, December 7, 1889. Daniel A. Morgau, Esq., Chairman, etc.: DRAR Sire: According to my promise, I waited on David Watt, Esq., Superintendent of the Pittsburg, Virginia and Charleston Railroad, Thursday morning. I went over the entire subject with him, and can report that be will prepare plans for foot bridges at South Twenty-seventh and Thirtieth streets, and will submit the same to the president of the company. He has no hastistical in saving that he submit the same to the prenounce of pany. He has no hesitation in saying that he believes the bridges will be erected within three months. He will also piace watchmen at South Eighteenth, Twenty-seventh and Thirtieth

Very respectfully,
E. M. Bisellow,
Chief of the Department of Public Works. Mr. Morgan proceeded to describe the structures that are to be creeted at the points indicated in Chief Bigelow's letter. They are both to be built of iron. The company will tear down the building standing on their property above Twenty-seventh street, and the bridge will be erected there, with one flight of steps leading toward Twenty-seventh street and another toward Twenty-eighth. The bridge at Thirtieth street will extend all the way from Jane to Sarah streets, almost on a line with the railroad, and at either end will have steps leadand toward Thirty-first street on the other.

Both bridges will be made of iron, and will

be very convenient to the surrounding
neighborhood, and especially to the working people and school children who are

compelled to cross the tracks so often.

The meeting last night was not as harmonious as it might have been. A motion to accept the report of the committee and to approve their action created quite a heated discussion. Several citizens could not understand why bridges were to be erected. They contended that after the bridges were up the railroad company would then occupy the crossings to the detriment and inconvenience of traffic. An objection was raised to the bridges on the grounds that they would be the cause of many broken limbs resulting

from falls. Mr. Morgan stated that broken limbs were better than crushed bodies, and, as 102 deaths had resulted from railroad accidents in Allegheny county within five months, he favored the bridges. Councilman Donley thought the committee was to be compli-mented for what they had done, and that it would be foolish to undo what they had ac-complished, and to try to get something that was out of the question. The motion was

then adopted.

The meeting then adjourned to meet at the call of Chairman Morgan, and in the mean-time the committee will push matters to have the bridges erected at the earliest possible period. Flagmen were located at South Eighteenth, Twenty-seventh and Thirtieth streets yesterday for the first time, and that, too, as the result of the work of

NEW STREET RAILWAY.

town to Wilkinsburg.

The rumor about extending the Central Traction Company's line to Wilkinsburg could not be confirmed, as Geo. I. Whitney was out of town yesterday. A gentleman in his office, however, said that the report about the extension was rather premature, though he understood that T. A. Gillespie had secured the controlling interest in the proposed extension, and that the thing might be a go.

might be a go.

Mr. Gillespie could not be seen, but it is
understood that a road from Market street
to Wilkinsburg is a possibility of the near

The McKeesport Stamp Licker. Postmaster General Wanamaker stated vesterday to a McKeesporter that the appointment of a postmaster for McKeesport will be made not later than January 10, and probably sooner, so as to give the one ap-pointed an opportunity to be with the outgoing man, so as to learn the office. Post-master Slade will complete his term Feb-ruary 10, and this will give the new man a month to learn.

Listen to My Tale of Woe Is the cry of everyone who buys goods on credit; but the tune is different with those who purchase for cash the following bargains at the New York Grocery:

4 cans tomatos (3-pound cans)\$
4 cans sugar corn
4 cans peas
4 pounds new currants
3 pounds large new raisins
5 pounds California raisins
1 pound citron
1 pound lemon peel
1 pound orange peel
4 pounds home-made mince meat
8 pounds pure buckwheat
8 pounds large lump starch
12 boxes Bartlett's bag blue
7 pounds rolled oats
5 pounds choice rice
7 quarts hand-picked beans
1 dozen parlor matches (200's)
Fine French peas per can
1 gallon golden drip syrup
1 gallon new crop Orleans molasses.
Sugar cured hams per pound
Sugar cured shoulders per pound
Control of the Contro

1 sack choice Amber flour 1 sack Thompson's Amber flour.... 1 sack Thompson's "White Swan" California peaches per pound.....
California apricots per pound.....
30-pound pails apple butter..........1 pounds 20-cent tea.....

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The Kranich & Bach is a piano for a lifetime. Buy no other if you would save

regrets LECHNER & SCHOENBERGER. 69 Fifth avenue. Store open until 9 o'clock P. M. Wsu

A handsome chest of tools given away this week (until they are all gone) by Gusky's with every purchase to the amount of \$5 or upward in their boys' and children's department. But parents should visit the popular store early.

Of the Kranich & Bach piance was won solely upon its intrinsic worth. For sale by Lechner & Schoenberger, 69 Fifth avenus. Store open until 9 o'clock P. M. WSu

FACING THE TROUBLE

Stockholders in the Wyoming and Laramie Cattle Companies

MEET TO DISCUSS THE SITUATION. President D. W. Braden Makes an Estimate of the Assatz.

NO RESULTS FROM THE CONFERENCE

The Companies Only Want a Little Time to Meet Their Linbilities. A meeting was held in Waynesburg yes-

erday by the stockholders of the cattle companies which are in financial difficulty. Nothing definite was arrived at, but a state ment of the assets was made, and it was declared that the companies could tide over the present trou ble if given a little time.

TROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT. WAYNESBURG, PA., December 7 .- The meeting of the Wyoming Cattle Company and the Laramie Plains Land and Cattle Company, which was called for this afternoon, was held in the Court House. That is to say that what stockholders of the two companies named who reside in Greene county and knew that the meeting was called, were present. There were also several other people in the room. There were so many "other people" that for a time there was doubt that the meeting would ever be called to order at all

Mr. James M. Hoge, who is a member of the Laramie Plains Land Company, the Wyoming Cattle Company and the Sweetwater Feeding Company, called the meeting. Mr. Hoge is also a director in the Farmers' and Drovers' National Bank. It may be that I have given him too many prerogatives, but let that pass. He called the meeting, anyhow. The meeting was to convene at 2 o'clock, in the courtroom. At that hour both the front and rear doors were locked. There were a good many people on the street waiting for developments, as well as several really anxious and interested persons in the Court House, wondering whether or not the doo-s would ever be opened

THEY DECLINED THE HONOB. Mr. Hege had the doors opened at 2:10 P. M. By 2:30 the room was actually crowded, M. By 2:30 the room was actuarly crowned, but no one seemed to have sufficient courage, to make a motion that some person take the chair. Mr. Hoge, when asked to do so, replied that he had only called the meeting, and did not care to take the initiative any further. Mr. Axtell, Mr. Ross, Mr. Abner Hoge and some four or five others were privately approached and requested to make a motion that the meeting come to order. Each and all of them modestly decimed. It was not, therefore, until about 4 o'clock that an organization was effected by calling

that an organization was effected by calling Hon. R. A. McConnell to the chair.

The object of the meeting was plainly stated in THE DISPATCH vesterday, but Mr. McConnell asked Mr. Hoge to tell it again. Mr. Hoge said that the Laramie Plains Land and Cattle Company was in a bad condition financially. If more time was given the company so that it could realize on its property it would relieve their embarrassment to a great extent and help those out here who had indorsed for members of the company. He further said the assignees would try to dispose of the property to the best advantage for all con-

Dr. D. W. Braden is President and Treasurer of the Laramie Plains, Land and Cattle Company. He is also Treasurer of the Dowlin & Rush Cattle Company. Very the Dowlin & Rush Cattle Company. Very man John O'Shea on the benefits to be destatement.

DR. BRADEN'S STATEMENT. I think Dr. Braden is honest, and I know that he has been unfortunate. The troubles which have occurred, the great losses which he has suffered, have in some degree affected him, but not to the extent to make him foolish. He was not ready to talk at random, but he was willing to, and did read a written statement. This was to the effect that some time ago a man was sent from Pittsburg in the interest of a syndicate to take an inventory of the Laramie Plains ranche. His report to the syndicate was what the doctor read. It was a description of the land, its condition, the probable worth of the buildings, stock, etc. He estimated the value of the buildings and personal prop-erty at \$128,116. The doctor also read a letter from John R. Rush, dated October, 1889, when he was at the ranche. In this letter Mr. Rush quoted Judge Caldwell as saying that the irrigated land was worth \$25 to \$30 per acre and the other land \$15 to

\$20 per acre. Colonel John Buchanan was called on, but he said when he talked he usually wanted a subject and then have some knowledge of it that he might talk intelligently, and took his seat. The meeting then adjourned. Nothing directly was accomplished, but it was not a

matter of surprise. WHAT THE RESULTS MAY BE. What the meeting meant, more than a good many persons who were present have yet realized, was to get them to think.

There was talk of asking the Court to order a stay of executions, but as the Court has about as much discretion in that line as has a private individual it is not likely that an omnibus plea would be considered for a But the people themselves, those directly

and personally interested, may agree that they will not incontinently crush each other. Pittsburg has had considerable trouble in finding suitable dumping grounds. Unless a person digs through to China, and thereby seriously inconveniences quite a number of people, and unless the same individual finds a suitable dumping ground, the real estate in Greene county cannot be carried away. nnot be carried away.

But there is danger that many persons will be hurt if the hastily filed judgments are pressed. That is why the meeting of yesterday may yet result in good, although there was no immediate direct re-C. T. DAWSON.

Fine Plates From a dozen of the leading Europea manufacturers, ranging in price from \$5 to \$250 per dozen. Mintons contribute some fine sets. We have so displayed these that half a dozen of a kind can be seen at a glance. They add greatly to the charm of a well appointed table, or form an exquisite furnishing for a cabinet. Neither the price nor any, words will give you any idea of their beauty. Only actual inspection will do that.

French, Kendrick & Co., 516 Smithfield st., opposite City Hall. Don't Forget

That Gusky's will, commencing to-morrow, give awdy, until they are all gone, the balance of those extremely elegant pictures which they've been giving away the past four weeks. One will be given free with every purchase in the Men's and Youths' Clothing Department to the amount of \$10 or upward.

LADIES, DON'T-Do not make a purchase until you get our prices on ladies' jackets, newmarkets and children's cloaks, dresses, etc., at our special ten day bargain sale. Busy Bee Hive, Sixth and Liberty. Jas. McKee, Jeweler, Has Ren

To 420 Smithfield st., one door below Diamond st., between Diamond st. and Fourth avenue. Call and see his fine display of holiday goods. Very low prices and fine goods. Store open every evening.

CASH paid for old gold and silver, at Hanch's, No. 295 Fifth ave. WF50 The Jan M. Starr planes at Lechner & Schoenberger's Store open until,9 o'cl P. M. 69 Fifth ave.

IN BARNEST FOR EIGHT HOURS.

The American Federation of Labor Wil Take a Decided Stand on the Question-

Crime Lessened. The fourth annual convention of the American Federation of Labor will be called to order on Tuesday next in the Common Council chamber, City Hall, Boston, at 10 o'clock, President of the Federation Samuel Gompers in the chair. About 80 delegates will be present, representing nearly 800,000 workers.

The most important subject which will

meet with the consideration of the conven-

tion is the establishment of the eight-hour workday. The stand taken by the Federa tion of Labor on this important matter is well defined. At its St. Louis convention a year ago it resolved upon a general sgita-tion for the carrying into effect of a national eight-hour law, and subsequently, through the press and by circular from the Federation headquar-ters, employers of labor throughout the country were notified that on the 1st of May, 1890, the trades affiliated with the Federation would demand the restriction of the day's work to eight hours. The mission of the convention will be to decide on the best means for promulgating the realization of the convention will be to decide on the best means for promulgating the realization of the scheme, and it will receive the serious consideration which the importance of the subject deserves. It is not possible to foreshadow what action the delegates, in their wisdom, will take, and the only indications in this direction obtainable are from the recent utterances of President Gom-pers. He is on record as saying that the American Federation of Labor does not pro-pose to inaugurate the movement by order-ing a general strike, but he intimates that if it becomes necessary in order to obtain an eight-hours system, a strike will be resorted

to. He says:
"Look at the different industries, and you will find that those men who work the longest hours receive the lowest wages. Men who work from 12 to 14 a day receive from \$1 to \$1.75 per day, while those who work shorter hours, 8, 9 or 10, are paid from \$2 to \$3. There is less dissipation among men who work short than those who work long hours. As to crime and pauperism, it can be clearly proven that the reduction of the hours of labor, where effected, has had the effect of decreasing both, as has been satisfactorily shown by so good an authority as Inspector Byrnes, of New York."

The sessions will extend over a week, and as the proceedings are open to everybody, a clear declaration of intentions of the Amer-ican Federation of Labor will be obtained.

M'GAW'S REINSTATEMENT. Labor Leaders Counct Agree as to the Law

on the Point. The reinstatement of Homer L. McGaw as a Knight of Labor through the action of the Warehousemen's Assembly has occasioned no little discussion in labor circles. President Campbell treats the matter lightly, and is unable to express any opinion as to how the matter will be received by the general officers. Editor John M. Kelly takes the view that it is absurd to suppose that any local assembly can reinstate a member who has been expelled from the body by the General Assembly. In other quarters doubts seemed to exist as to the law on the question and few were inclined to express open opinion one way or another.

THE TUBE WORKERS' ASSEMBLY.

Worthy Foreman John O'Shan Clathons In Forty Members. L. A. 6332, K. of L., tube workers, held an open meeting last night in the Knights of Labor Hall. The members had dropped away of late, and the meeting was to awaken interest in the organization. The hall was crowded with men who listened

At the conclusion of his address 40 men joined the assembly. The tube workers say that prices have advanced 50 per cent since their scale was adopted, and they have not had any share in this prosperity.

WHERE WILL PEMALES TIPPLE? Chief Brown Shuts Down on the House of Last Resort. The last place in the city where female sustomers would enter a bar and order up a drink with a piece of cheese or a pie is pro-

hibited from entertaining any more such patronesses by order of Chief Brown, Inspector McAlesse said that the order was given two days ago, but not enforced until yesterday and one of the reasons was that two men were arrested there a few days ago and one of them had a badly used up head. The place of Thomas Nuttridge on Diamond street yesterday afternoon presented a very different appearance from the ordinary Saturday afternoon, when miners and their wives and others doing their marketing called in to get some refreshment. The house is well known as a resort for Englishmen, and they have frequently made family parties there after their day's work was done. But the law is severe and uncompromising in the matter, and the Nuttridge

houses of entertainment in the city by exluding female custom. TALK ABOUT A CHECK.

Hotel has to keep step with the other

Depositor in the Lawrence Bank Makes

Charge Against Hoerr. Mrs. C. Shaub created some excitement in Lawrenceville yesterday by a statement that the Lawrence Bank officials wronged her in regard to a check for \$675. She claims to have deposited that amount and asked for its return on October 19. On November 14 she returned and demanded her money, and received a check reading, "pay four weeks after date." During the month the bank

Mr. Hoerr, when seen, stated that the woman was laboring under a mistake, as the money had originally been deposited as an interest-bearing time deposit.

REAL ACTING IN BLUEBEARD JR.

One of the Supers Has an Epileptic Fit Not in the Bills. Considerable excitement was created in the Opera House at the close of the performance there last night. A girl named Maggie

McShes, 15 years old, playing in the ballet, was overcome by an epileptic fit and alarmed the occupants of the greenroom.

A telephone message was sent to the Homeopathic Hospital ambulance and she was taken to that institution. The physicians there said she would be all right in the morning. Her home is on Mt Wesh. the morning. Her home is on Mt. Wash-

A Change in Officials. There will be several changes among the officials of the National Tube Works, at McKeesport, after January 1. Some of the changes have been already decided upon but the names are withheld until a decision has been reached in all the cases. Burned Ris Eye Out.

afternoon by a splash from a ladie. The molten metal filled one of his shoes and ter-ribly burned his leg and foot and one of his Vincent Wakeman, of Wood's Bun, was hunting near Dixmont yesterday, when his

Rober Layton, a ladleman at Jones &

shotgun discharged unexpectedly and the shot went through his hand. It may be necessary to cut off the hand. Had His Ribs Broken. James Long, an employe of the National
Tube Works, at McKsesport, had three ribs
broken last night by being caught in a piece
of machinery and hurled against the side of
the building. He will recover. **QUAY'S RIGHT BOWER**

Senator Delamater the Chairman's Choice for Next Governor.

FRANK WILLING LEACH SPEAKS.

He Praises the Crawford County Candidate Almost to the Limit.

EVEN IF HASTINGS WON'T WITHDRAW

Many Winner. Senator Quay's late Private Secretary says he hopes State Senator Delamater will be cominated for Governor. He intimates that

of the Crawford county politician-banker is almost fulsome. A fight for supremacy in Philadelphia politics between Filter and Quay is prophesied. INFECTAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH, 1 PHILADELPHIA, December 7. - Assistant Secretary of the Republican National

Committee Frank Willing Leach, who is

such are also Mr. Quay's wishes. His praise

also Secretary of the Republican State Committee, was asked his opinion of the contest for Governor, to-day.
"I see," said he, "that Senator Delamater has announced himself as a candidate for the Gubernatorial nomination. I hope he will be successful. I look upon Delamater as one of the brainiest men in the Republican party of Pennsylvania. He is a on fire, the cotton's on fire." The cry set modest and unassuming man in his man-ners, but he is characterized by a reserve force Foreman John Dunn ran to the alarm ners, but he is characterized by a reserve force of great power, which manifests itself upon closer acquaintance. The powerful factors

and influential in the councils of the party. It is here that Senator Delamater's strength of character manifests itself. QUAY'S RIGHT BOWER.

"During the national campaign of last year Mr. Delamater was for a period of two months constantly in attendance at the headquarters of the National Committee as one of Senator Quay's most trusted advisers. During the late campaign in this State he was of invaluable assistance to the officers of the Republican State Committee. He is in no sense a politician, except in the broader use of the term, a student of public affairs and an educated gentleman, being a graduate of Harvard College, a keen lawyer "In a word, Senator Delamater is a man

of the people, one of whom any consti-tuency, small or large, might be justly proud. He possesses in a pro-eminent de-gree the coolness, deliberateness and sagac-ity which should, in my judgment, characman in Pennsylvania better equipped for the high office of Governor than George Wallace Delamater." VERY NEAR THE THRONE

This utterance of Mr. Leach, who has antil recently been Senator Quay's private secretary, which position he resigned to accept a higher office, is regarded by many of the politicians to mean that the junior Senator from Pennsylvania will be sound favoring Senator Delamater in the contest, and almost in the light of an office all utterance.

Adjutant General Hastings is seemingly undisturbed by what is going on around him, and is making a tour of the State in quest of delegates. It is said that General Hastings, as he is familiarly called, expects to receive considerable support from the Grand Army and ex-soldier element of his party. The claim is made for him that since his induction into the office of Adju-

been appreciated by the State troops who have served under him. PITLER NOT A STRONG CAME General Hastings builds largely upon th declaration in his favor made by Edwin H. Fitler, the Mayor of the city of Philadelphis, but unless he is able to command the support of the more practical leaders of the party in this city the general belief is that Fitler's declaration will be of little use to

ant General he has been constantly work-

The interest in the fight for the Republi-can nomination for Receiver of Taxes in this city has been the cause of so little interest being taken in the question of State delegates, and the general belief among the local leaders here is that nothing much will be done until after the February elections. The opinion of the shrewder politicians seems to be that the fight will then become a oitter one between Quay and Fitler for supremacy in the-city.

CONFIDENT HE WILL WIN. Hastings and Delamater are both believed to be friendly to Quay, and it may be that the Beaver statesman might take it into his head to allow the contestants to fight it out. In such an event Delamater's friends claim that he would be an easy winner, as they declare that a number of leaders through out the counties of the State have sent assurances of their desire to see the Crawford county Senator's name at the head of the Republican State ticket. They take no account of Mayor Fitler's preferences.

Montooth's friends declare that the con

press the hope that things may yet run into such a shape as to give their candidate a more than even chance of securing the nom ination when the leaders of the race find they cannot control the convention

A ROAD OF STAKERS. Buckhannon and Holly River People Will

Elect Directors. A call has been made for a meeting of the stockholders of the Buckhannon and Holly River Railroad Company, of West Virginia, to be held in the law office of B. C. Christy, on December 18, at 2 o'clock. The business of the meeting will be to elect directors. As there are only 11 stockholders, who have subscribed for the entire \$500,000 of espital stock, it is not likely that they will have much difficulty in agreeing on a Board o Directors, particularly if they agree to have

This thriving young railroad at present consists of a line of oak stakes running from the town of Philippi, in Barbour county, W. Va., where a connection is made with the Baltimore and Ohio, southerly through Buckhannon and Webster, to the headwaters of the Holly river.

The line of stakes run through about as wild and nicturesque a country as can be

The line of stakes run through about as wild and picturesque a country as can be found, and ends in the mountains in the center of the great forests of the finest hard wood timber in America, under which lie big cosl deposits and in whose many secluded glades and glens are cony stills where the mountain dew is brewed in the pure moonshine without let or hindrance from the prowling minions of the law. The distance from the first stake down near Philippi, where McClellan opened his rebellion career, to the last stake up among the holly thickets and the moonshiners, is just about 90 miles, and the work of transforming this line of stakes into actual raifroad will probably begin when the robins nest again. Laughlins' mill was badly burned yesterday

A FUR RUG

Will Make an Elegant Christmas Presen for Any Housewife. for Any Hoesewife.

We have reduced prices on all these goods and now offer them at \$2 to \$6.

Smyrna rugs, \$1 75 to \$4.

Lace curtains, 55c a pair up.

Velvet carpets, 80c to \$1 a yard.

Brussels carpet, 80c to \$1 a yard.

We never sold goods so cheap as we will during the next few weeks. The room we must have for the largest stock of new season's goods ever seen in Pittsburg.

EDWARD GROETZINGER. FOUR MEN BURNED

In an Effort to Save Property Fram a Sarning Pier-The Flames Discovered in a Pite of Cotton-Ex-

citing Incidents.
ISPECIAL TRIEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. I NEW YORK, December 7.-The North iver pier was burned over this afternoon and 4 men lost their lives in a vain effort to save life and property, while 12 more were more or less seriously injured in like endeavors. They were: James Barry, watchman 50 years old, suffocated George Booker, colored 'longshoreman, 40 years old, married, suffocated; Richard Johnson, colored foreman of colored gang of 'longshoremen, 42 years old, married, suffocated; James Whalen, 45 years old, married, suffocated, suffocated.

It was just at the end of the noon hour. The corners of West street were crowded with longshoremen and others. Finding the hour of going to work at hand, Ed Andrews, a lad employed to run one of the half dozen elevators on the pier, climbed up the stairway at the outer end of the pier to get on his elevator which was at the lott floor when the noon hour came. Reaching the head of the stairs Andrews saw watchman James To the country of the stairs and the stairs Barry standing not far from a lot of 600 bales of cotton stored on the southwest corner of the floor. Near him stood John S. Hotaling, the engineer who ran the elevator engine. The lad

had just observed this much when he saw a flame flash up from up some fluffy

cotton on a bale near the center pier of the floor and then go leaping across to an-The two men saw the flame at the same instant and ran to it as if to try to smother it while they yelled for help at the top of their voices. Andrews turned and ran downstairs, shouting: "The cotton's bell and began to ring it. Foreman Nick Johnson ran to the office, where a port-Johnson ran to the onice, where a partial able fire extinguisher was kept, while another man, bareheaded and very excited ran out of the pier across the open space shouting "Fire!" Then the fire enin politics nowadays are those who are wise space shouting "Fire!" Then the fire enface as black as a pegro's staggered out of the pier entrance, the crowd making way for him at first and then closing in about him curiously. The man was recognized as the engineer, John Hotaling. He was terribly burned about the face and hands. The lives were lost in trying to save papers and books, and to extinguish the

DID NOT HAVE TWO MOUTHS.

Why a New York Judge Disuffered Museum Frenk's Suit. SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. NEW YORK, December 7 .- Otto Tepfer, the two-mouthed man, was in Judge Steckler's court to-day. It was not, however, to give an exhibition of his double-mouthed powers, but to be a witness in a suit brought by his manager, Frank Thornton, against George Fursman, proprietor of the Grand Museum for \$40. Captain Thornton, as he is called, said that some months ago he wrote from Boston to Mr. Fursman "for a date;' for himself and his curio. He wanted date; for himself and his curio. He wanted two weeks, and, after some correspondence, Mr. Fursman agreed to engage him for one week, beginning on October 21, at a salary of \$40, if the two-mouthed prodigy was as represented. Thornton and his protege came

came to Mr. Fursman he refused to employ Hence the suit for the week's salary. them. Hence the suit for the week's salary.
"Have you got two mouths?" was asked "I am so advertised, and it is commonly supposed that I have."

ing to secure a betterment of the condition of the State militis, and that his efforts have "I have not." 'How came that hole in your throat?" "It is the result of an injury." Judge Steckler-This man has not tw mouths. He may be able to smoke and do a lot of things with the opening in his throat, but that is not enough. He represented himself to be a two-mouthed man, and he is not; therefore, he cannot recover any money. Judgment for Mr. Fursman.

> PIERCED BY ELECTRICITY. A Troy Lineman Survives After 1,000 Volta Pass Through Him. SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCE.

> TROY, N. Y., December 7 .- Shortly after noon to-day William McNamara started to run an electric light wire into Henry Ernest's restaurant on Fourth street. He ascended a high pole on Congress street, and throwing one leg across a beam, commenced the work of connecting the wire. He dropped one of his rubber gloves, in order to perfect his work with greater facility, and next put one foot down on the bare end of a wire which hung below him. Only a casual glance was given the man by passers-by, and he had been working at his task for some time, when he seemed to suddenly fall forward, and at the same time uttered a piercing

> A ladder was soon placed in position, and a courageous stranger quickly ran up the pole and soon rescued McNamars. He is terribly burned, but will probably recover. The injured man was taken to his home in n ambulance.
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> Manager Powers said: "I think the line-

man was working on the Westinghouse cir-cuits. If this is the case, 1,000 volts passed

through him until the current was turned off. This is the same current electrical experts propose to use in putting criminals to On Thursday and Friday next a fair and syster supper will be held in the Sunday chool rooms of Grace Episcopal Church Mt. Washington. As the entertainments of this church are always regarded as the fash-lonable events of the hill, the occasion is looked forward to with a good deal of inter-

est, and the attendance will be naturally very large. A Little Prohibition Fight. SALEM, O., December 7.—The City Council last night ordered another vote on the prohibition ordinance. The session was a very stormy one. The election is ordered for next Saturday, the 14th. The last election went dry by a considerable majority.

JAPANESE WARE BAZAAR.

Open for the Holldays Only. You will wonder at our fine display Goods are going rapidly, and we would advise you to call early. Special discounts on

large pieces.
Store open till 9 P. M. until Christmas, WM. HASLAGE & SON, Select Family Grocers, 18 Diamond Square, Pittsburg.

Fine Upright Plane at \$200. An excellent 736 octave upright piano, with latest improvements, aplendid tone, handsomely carved case, fully warranted, at \$200, including fine plush scarf and atool. Also a heautiful parlor organ, 9 stops, fine case and tone, for \$60. Special holiday bargains at the music store of J. M. Hoffmann & Co., 537 Smithfield street.

Fine holiday assortment of the celebrated Sohmer pianos, the superb Colby pianos, and Hallet & Cumston pianos.

ONE week more, "commencing Monday, December 9, of the large bankrupt sale of lrygoods, carpets and rugs at 723 and 725 Aberty st., corner Eighth. This will no loubt be read with pleasure by bargain nounters, as the assignee has determined, furing the coming week, to close out every-hing regardless of cost or price. Parties naving goods on deposit are requested to call at once and secure them. The sales will be as usual—morning at 10, afternoon

SILCOTT'S FORGERIES

The Names of Thirty Members of Congress Made Use of by Him

IN ORDER TO RAISE NEEDED MONEY

The Missing Man a Regular Monthly Patron

NEVER ABLE TO MAKE BOTH ENDSMEET.

of Two Lotteries.

His Living Expenses and Lomes at the Races Ext The only step taken in the investigation by the House of the affairs of the absconding eashier, Silcott, yesterday, was in relation

to the forgeries Silcott committed in order to

raise money to cover his peculations. Many

members are out of pocket money for a month on account of the cashier's slipping out with their back salary. PROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT, I WASHINGTON, December 7 .- The subject of the notes forged on members by Cashier Silcott was the interesting feature of the secret session to-day of the committee of the House engaged in the investiga-

tion of the scandal of the Sergeant-at-Arms' office. Members whose names had been attached to notes testified as to the forgery, invariably denying that they had ever placed their paper in the bank. Each day something turns up to show each step on the road to ruin taken by Sile cott. To Herminie Thibeault, the "woman in the case," he paid a stated sum per week, which was not so large, and yet too large for any man with an income of not more than \$3,000 a year, with a wife and several children to maintain. This and his losses

tricate himself he took the first money that didn't belong to him. This was upon cer-SILCOTT'S SCHEME.

at the races were enough to get the cashier

deeply in debt, and in his struggles to ex-

When Congress adjourned, last March, many of the members gave Silcott receipts for each month, from the 4th of April to the 4th of November. It is probable that a great majority of the members did this, many of whom did not ask a remittance during the entire period, and with these certificates in his possessson he could draw money at will from the Treasury, as fast as the pay of members fell due. If he drew and retained a month's pay of a member, and was afterward asked to remit, all he had to do to make the former theft good was to use a certificate of another member who allowed his accrued pay to remain in the Treasury. This resource exhausted, pay he had squandered having to be made good, Silsquandered naving to be made good, his-cott had recourse to the forgery of notes, forging the names of as many as 30 mem-bers, and the notes aggregating, so far as now known, about \$15,000.

IN A FOOL'S PARADISE Living constantly in the hope of making a big winning, plunging in the pool rooms, buying the Louisiana and Mexican lottery tickets wholesale, hoping to strike the cap-ital prize, Silcott constantly found himself represented. Thornton and his protege came on to New York, had themselves advertised, and had posters and hand-bills displaying a cut of the two-mouthed wonder printed and distributed. But when they sinking deeper and deeper in debt. the forgery of the notes rendering him lia-ble to discovery at any time, and with that discovery certain to come upon him soon at any rate, he determined upon the grand coup, and at the last moment wasted \$15,000 to take up the notes, with the crazy idea of putting his extradition out of the question, ignoring in his excitement the fact that the fact of the forgery rendered notes were producible or not, and that his theft of private funds deposited in his safe was grand larceny, also a crime recognized by the extradition laws.

THE NAMES FORGED. The following are the members whose names were forged: Herbert, Turpin, Davidson, of Florida; Bullock, of Georgia; Crisp, Grimes, Boothman, Thompson, of Ohio; Wickham, Richardson, Washington, Carleton, Lawler, Gest, Gear, Hayes, Conger, A. J. Anderson, Stone, of Kenstucky; Stone, of Missouri; Goodnight, Caruth, Paynter, J. A. Buchanan, C. L. Anderson, Manzer, Wade, Chatham, Brower

and Ewart.
While there is a desire on the part of while there is a desire on the part of every one that Silcott may be caught and caged, an immediate and pressing question with many of the members is in regard to their reimbursement. A great majority of the members have lost at least a month's pay, and many of them several months. While some are rich and able to endure the loss, many cannot afford it. To some it was all they had upon which to depend until

the accruing of another month's pay. REIMBURSEMENT WANTED. It is probable that a bill will soon be introduced, providing an appropriation to-cover the loss. Some hold that as the House was primarily responsible for the losse manner in which the banking busi-ness of the House was carried on, the people should not be forced to bear the loss. But it is generally recognized that the method was one of 50 years of precedent. Again, there is good law for the theory that the Sergeant at Arms is really a disbursing offi-cer of the Government, and that the Gov-

ernment is therefore responsible.

A first endeavor will be made to secure a high legal opinion that the Government is responsible, to silence the fears of some of the members who have a recollection of the storm excited by the back pay performance. It is pretty certain that all such qualms of political conscience will be soothed, and that the robbed members will make themselves whole from the public treasury.

Lincoln Blowout. The Lincoln Republican Club will give & ception to their friends to-morrow evening at their rooms. Addresses will by made by Collector Warmcastie, Controller Morrow and C. V. Lewis The C. V. Lewis Quartet will furnish the music,



For Western Penn. sylvania and Ohio, fair, followed by rain; stationary temperature, southerly For West Virginia,

fair, followed by light rain, slightly warmer PITTSBURG. December 7, 1900. tes Signal Service officer(s

River at 5:20 P. M., 6.3 feet, a change of 0,3 in M

Tilling, the New York Agent, The practical value of Kornblum's optical invention, the astigmatic eye piece, which has been fully described in The Dispatch, is demonstrated in the fact that Tiffany & Co., the famous jewelers, have, after a thorough test of its marits, secured the New York agency for its manufacture and mic.